THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) A joint inspection of Jabalpur aerodrome was carried out by a team comprising representatives from Directorate General of Civil Aviation, Airports Authority of India, Bureau of Civil Aviation Security and Alliance Air. The Joint Inspection Team has listed some requirements which are pre-requisite for B-737 operations. Once these requirements have been adequately met, Indian Airlines will start scheduled jet operations to/fro Jabalpur including sectors to be started on. The continuance of operations of Dornier-228 will be reviewed simultaneously.

International Airport at NOIDA, U.P.

172. SHRI K.M. SAIFULLAH: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have decided to develop an International Airport at Noida in Uttar Pradesh; and

(b) if so, by when the work on its development is likely to start and by when the airport will be functional?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) No, Sir. At present, there is no plan to develop an international airport at NOIDA, U.P.

Overbooking of CD 7278 Flight

173. SHRI S. RAMACHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Indian Airlines flight CD 7278 Kolkata-Bhubaneswar-Hyderabad was on 22nd May, 2001 overbooked by the Airport officials at Bhubaneswar;

(b) whether it is also a fact that five passengers with confirmed tickets were off-loaded by the Airlines staff and five others who were the relatives of the airport officials were given the seats with the result that the flight was delayed;

(c) if so, what action has been taken against the concerned Airport officials; and

(d) what steps have been taken so that such an incident is not repeated in future?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) to (d) Flight CD-7278 (Kolkata-Hyderabad-Bhubaneswar) on 22.5.2001 was not overbooked. However, on 19.5.2001, this flight was overbooked by 7 seates i.e. 4 from Kolkata and 3 from Bhubaneswar. As such, certain passengers were denied boarding initially. But on arrival of the aircraft, the staff on leave were off loaded and the confirmed passengers were accepted. Concerned Indian Airlines officials at Kolkata and Bhubaneswar have been suitably reprimanded.

Enquiry Report of Patna Air Crash

174. SHRI R.P. GOENKA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received the report of enquiry headed by Air Marshal P. Rajkumar instituted to go into the crash of Alliance Air Boeing at Patna which killed all the six crew members and 54 others about a year ago;

(b) if so, the major recommendations made in the enquiry report and the action taken thereon;

(c) whether it is a fact that as reported, deficiencies in pilot training were the major cause contributing to the human error element in the crash; and

(d) if so, the details of the steps taken to adopt more rigorous training programme for the pilots?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Yes Sir. The report, alongwith recommendations made in the inquiry report, has been placed in the Parliament Library.

(c) and (d) The report indicated loss of control of the aircraft due to human error as the cause of the accident and, *inter-alia*, recommended review of pilot training by Alliance Air. Alliance Air reviewed the training accordingly, and took necessary action,